

Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show & Festival of the Arts

Official Poster Artwork Contest

Help shape the visual identity of a beloved summer tradition!

Purpose of the Contest

The Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show & Festival of the Arts invites artists to submit original artwork to be considered for the **official event poster**. This poster will be used to promote the event across print and digital platforms and will represent one of the signature visual traditions of the Show.

This contest is intended to honor the legacy of past artists and their posters while welcoming fresh artistic perspectives.

Key Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** March 27 (11:59 PM EST)
 - **Judging Period:** March 30 - April 10
 - **Artist Notified of Selection:** April 13
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Eligibility

- Open to professional and amateur artists
 - Artists must be 18 years of age or older
 - Artists may submit up to **two (2)** entries
 - Artwork must be original and not previously published or submitted elsewhere
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Artwork Requirements

Subject Matter

Artwork should celebrate:

- Patriotic themes celebrating the 250 years of America (Americana)
- Antique wooden boats - *the featured boat brand this year is "Century". 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of the brand*
- The natural beauty and maritime heritage of the Les Cheneaux Islands
- The spirit of the annual Boat Show & Festival of the Arts

Interpretation is encouraged, but artwork should clearly reflect the event's theme.

Format & Style

- Medium: open (photography, painting, illustration, digital, mixed media, etc.)
- Orientation: vertical (poster format)
- Final artwork must be adaptable for both print and digital use

Though all mediums are accepted, keep in mind that the winning piece must have the ability to be printed as a poster.

Submission Guidelines

There are two ways to submit an entry.

OPTION A - Submit Original Artwork (Designer will format poster)

Submit artwork to be used in a poster to promote the event. Upon submission, our graphic designer will resize your artwork, add important marketing elements (names, dates, web addresses, logos, etc.), and format your artwork into a poster or...

OPTION B - Submit a Completed Poster Design

Submit a completed poster that incorporates the following important marketing elements.

- Event Title** - *48th Annual Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show & Festival of Arts*
- Date** - Always the 2nd Saturday in August; this year that is *August 8th, 2026*
- URL** - www.lchistorical.org
- Presented by** - *Les Cheneaux Historical Association*
- Bonus points** if you are able to include one or both of the [logos available here](#).

At a minimum, artists must submit:

- A high-quality digital image of the artwork (PNG, JPG, or PDF)
- A brief artist statement about the piece (150 words max)
- Artist name, contact information, and short bio

Submissions will be accepted starting February 16th, via:

- **Entry fee: \$20**
 - Entry includes: one (1) ticket for entry to the Boat Show
 - Online submission via Zeffy - [to submit your artwork click here](#).
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Judging Criteria

Entries will be evaluated based on:

1. **Artistic Quality & Craftsmanship**
 2. **Relevance to Theme & Event**
 3. **Visual Impact & Appeal as a Marketing Component**
 4. **Overall Fit with Event Brand & Audience**
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Judging Process

- A selection committee appointed by the Les Cheneaux Historical Association
 - Committee may include board members, community representatives, and arts professionals
 - The committee reserves the right to request minor revisions from the selected artist
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Artist Recognition

The selected Poster Artist will receive:

- Official recognition as the **Featured Poster Artist**
- **Exclusive rights to sell the poster at the event**
- Prominent credit in event materials
- Exposure through event marketing, website, and social media
- Prime retail location & complimentary admission for the artist and one (1) guest

People's Choice Award:

Submissions not chosen for the official poster, may be selected as finalist in our People's Choice Contest. These submissions will be displayed during the Captain's Cocktail Mixer (August 7th @ the Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum) and the Boat Show (August 8th) where a voting system will be used, allowing the public to choose their favorite piece.

- The People's Choice winner will be announced during the Boat Show Awards Ceremony.
 - Selected artists will receive an invitation to the Captain's Cocktail Mixer
 - Our judges will select finalists for the People's Choice Award.
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Rights & Usage

- Artists retain copyright to their artwork
 - The organization is granted a **non-exclusive, perpetual license** to reproduce the artwork for sale and promotional purposes related to the event and/or museum activities
 - Artwork may be used for posters, programs, merchandise, website, and social media
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Terms & Conditions

- **Submission constitutes acceptance of all contest rules.**
 - By submitting to this contest, all artists agree to have their artwork shared online.
 - **Poster Sales:** Until the event takes place - artists agree not to sell their poster artwork. Official Event Posters will be exclusively for sale at the Les Cheneux Historical & Maritime Museums until the day of the event. Post-event, the artist may sell the poster at their discretion.
 - The organization reserves the right to withhold selection if no submission meets standards.
 - **People's Choice Finalists:** If your piece is chosen to be displayed as a finalist for the People's Choice Award you must be able to get your artwork to the Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum by noon, on August 7th, 2026 to be displayed at the Captain's Cocktail Mixer and the Boat Show the following day. Participants will work with the Les Cheneaux Historical association to coordinate their artwork. Finalists are responsible for any shipping fees.
 - All decisions of the judging committee are final.
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Please contact Selah Preston-Beardsley at LCHA@LCHistorica.org with questions.